

Holiday Series Memorial Day 2011







Date & Time: Friday, May 27, 2011 09:30 A.M. – 13:20 P.M. Venue: American Center Korea, Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy Seoul < 学도 Map>

Schedule:

09:30-09:50 DVD screening "The Star-Spangled Banner"

09:50-10:00 Opening by KIM Su Nam, American Center Director

10:00-10:10 Welcome & Introduction of Speakers by Lisa Heller, Deputy Public Affairs Officer

10:10-11:40 Panel Presentations with consecutive interpretation

(each presentation is 20 minutes with interpretation) followed by 30 minutes of Q&A session.

- LTC Seung Joon "Steve" Lee, Assistant Army Attaché & U.S. Assistant Liaison Officer, Defense Attaché Office and Mrs. Grace Lee, Administrative Assistant, Defense Attaché Office -- "Balancing Military Life and Family."
- Paul S. Thomas, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer -- "Military Life"
- Perry K. Groves, Facility Management Officer/GSO -- "The Military is a Great Place to Start."

11:40-12:30 Lunch & Free Discussion

12:30-13:00 *USFK Band* Memorial Day Performance (5-6 members)

13:00-13:20 Quiz on Memorial Day & Door Prize

13:20 End of program

*Please RSVP by email (<u>AmericanCenterKorea@state.gov</u>) (이름, 학교/학과, 연락처) or by phone (02-397-4605)



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Bios of Speakers

LTC Seung Joon "Steve" Lee, Assistant Army Attaché & U.S. Assistant Liaison Officer, Defense Attaché Office and Mrs. Grace Lee, Administrative Assistant, Defense Attaché Office -- Balancing Military Life and Family

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Seung Joon "Steve" Lee is the Assistant Army Attaché in the Defense Attaché Office of the U.S. Embassy in Seoul, Republic of Korea. His next assignment will be on the Joint Chiefs of Staff as the North Korea Country Director. He was born in Daegu, Republic of Korea and moved to the United States when he was six years old. He is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He has served in the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and the 2nd Infantry Division. Since 1996, he has been an Army Foreign Area Officer (FAO) specializing in Korean and Japanese security, defense, language, and culture. He received his Master of Arts in East Asian Studies from the University of Virginia, and he is a graduate of the Republic of Korea Army College. He volunteers as the Director of the Cornerstone Children's Church and Chairman of the School Advisory Council for Seoul-American Elementary School. He is married to Grace Lee, and they have two daughters and two sons: Mariam (12), Caleb (9), Lincoln (7), and Ella (5). Their family motto is "Faith, Family, Friends."

Paul S. Thomas, Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, Public Affairs Office -- Military Life

Paul S. Thomas has been a Foreign Service Officer for eight years. Prior to his posting in Korea, he was assigned to Shanghai, China, and Taipei, Taiwan. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1993 – 1997 as an avionics technician on the B-1 Bomber. After his military service he studied Political Science at the University of Colorado and worked as a stockbroker before joining the Foreign Service.

Perry K. Groves, Facility Management Officer, General Services Office

-- The Military is a Great Place to Start

Perry K. Groves served in the U.S. Army for fourteen years in numerous leadership roles, as company commander, battalion construction engineer, deputy facility engineer, and assistant professor of military science. As the battalion construction engineer his unit was recognized as the best construction unit within the 2nd Engineer Group in South Korea in 1985.